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For: LENS DRIVE DEVICE AND LENS DEVICE
CAPABLE OF SETTING AN OPTIMUM BRAKING
CHARACTERISTIC

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the attached published Japanese reference be placed in the U.S.P.T.O. file for the above-identified application. The related U.S. patent for this published Japanese reference was recently cited by the Examiner as being relevant to the above-identified application.

Applicant requests that the attached published Japanese reference merely be made of record in the present application. By making this submission, Applicant does not admit that this reference is material to the patentability of any of the allowed claims.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this reference, he/she is requested to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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